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SIR:

This Amendment and Response for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2007, which sets a shortened statutory period for response that expires on October 2, 2007.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Kindly consider the included remarks.